

January 24, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: LES JANKA
SUBJECT: British Reaction to Peace Announcement

Attached for your information are two reporting telegrams from London giving the full text of editorials appearing in the Daily Telegraph (Jan. 22) and Sunday Express (January 21). Both editorials are extremely laudatory of the President in his efforts to bring peace. Especially interesting are their very favorable comparisons of the President to JFK and the President's success in bring about a more peaceful world.

You may wish to mention these editorials to the President or perhaps show him the full text.

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SUBJECT: DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL ON VIETNAM AND
NIXON INAUGURATION

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL OF
JAN 22:

"MR. NIXON HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TRULY A GREAT
AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN HIS CONDUCT OF THE VIETNAM WAR
AND OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH GAVE STRONG SIGNS OF
APPROACHING THEIR CONCLUSION IN SAIGON AND PARIS AS HE
DELIVERED HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON. THERE
WAS GREATNESS, TOO, IN THE LEADERSHIP HE GAVE FOR WHAT
THE WORLD PRAYS WILL BE A PEACEFUL POST-VIETNAM-WAR
ERA, BOTH IN THAT REGION RAVAGED BY COMMUNIST AG-
GRESSION, AND ELSEWHERE. NO FLAMBOYANCE, NO POLITICAL
MANOEUVRES, NO HUSTLING TO GET THE CEASE-FIRE SIGNED,
REGARDLESS OF KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, IN
TIME FOR A COMPLETE INAUGURAL TRIUMPH. MR. NIXON,
RIGHTLY CONFIDENT OF THE SUPPORT OF THE VAST
MAJORITY--SILENT EXCEPT ON ELECTION DAY AND IN THE
OPINION POLLS--COULD AFFORD TO ALLOW THE CONTRAST BE-
TWEEN HIS OWN ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE EMPTY SPITE OF THE
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROTESTERS TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF.

"IT WAS DEPLORABLE THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN, SPEAKING
AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY, SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED HIS ABUSE
OF THE PRESIDENT IN SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE PHRASES AS
'THE NIXON DESTRUCTION OF INDU-CHINA' AND
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FESSED THAT MR. NIXON'S OVERWHELMING VICTORY LAST NOVEMBER REMAINED 'SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY' TO HIM. THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE BOXER WHO REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS STILL NOT KNOWING WHAT HIT HIM. IN FACT IT WAS THE STRAIGHT RIGHT FROM THE MASS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHOM MR. NIXON HAS LED BACK TO PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC HEALTH AFTER AN ATTACK OF VIETNAMITIS THAT IN LESS CAPABLE HANDS MIGHT HAVE BEEN FATAL, WHO EMPHATICALLY REJECTED WISHY-WASHY LEFTY-LIBERALISM AT HOME AND ABROAD.

"MR. NIXON'S MESSAGE, TO HIS OWN PEOPLE AND TO THE REST OF US, WAS CLEAR AND SALUTARY. NO MORE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY'S WORLD-WIDE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. BUT SOLID GAINS FOR PEACE, HE URGED, MUST NOT BE JETTISONED BY A POST-WAR MOOD OF ISOLATIONISM IN AMERICA. AMERICA WOULD DO HER SHARE TOWARDS DEFENDING PEACE AND FREEDOM, BUT OTHERS MUST DO THEIR SHARE TOO. EUROPEANS IN PARTICULAR SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT MR. NIXON IS PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, AND HEED HIS WARNING."

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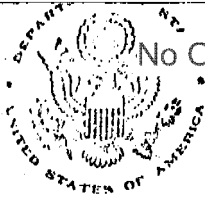
FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SUNDAY EXPRESS EDITORIAL OF
JAN. 21:

"AS RICHARD MILHOUN NIXON BEGINS HIS SECOND TERM,
IT IS HARD TO RECALL AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN
MORE REVILED. TRENDIES AND LEFT-WINGERS TURN THEIR
VENOM ON HIM AS 'THE TYRANT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.' WITH
TEARS IN THEIR EYES THE SAME INDIVIDUALS DREAM OF THE
GOLDEN AGE WHEN HANDSOME JACK KENNEDY MADE WASHINGTON
INTO CAMELOT. THEN, INSTEAD OF MR. NIXON'S COTTAGE
CHEESE, THERE WAS SALMON COOKED IN CHAMPAGNE. IN-
STEAD OF FOLK SONGS AND BASEBALL PLAYERS THERE WERE
RACH AND PHILOSOPHERS. ALL THAT AND JACKIE, TOO.
YET NOTICE SOMETHING CURIOUS. MR. NIXON'S CRITICS
RAPELY VENTURE BEYOND THE TRAPPINGS. THEY DO NOT
TRY TO CONTRAST HIS ACTUAL RECORD WITH THAT OF
KENNEDY. LET US DO JUST THAT. VIETNAM? KENNEDY BEGAN
THE WAR. MR. NIXON BY HIS ALREIT RUTHLESS BOMBING
POLICY, IS ABOUT TO BRING IT TO AN END. UNIVERSITIES?
REMEMBER THE TORCHLIGHT MARCHES AND THE SIT-INS UNDER
KENNEDY? THE GHETTOS? REMEMBER THE DREADEFUL RIOTS
WHEN KENNEDY AND HIS BROTHER BOBBY MADE PROMISES TO
THE BLACKS THAT COULD NOT BE KEPT? UNDER MR. NIXON
THE UNIVERSITIES ARE AS SILENT AS THE READING ROOM IN
THE BRITISH MUSEUM. THE GHETTOS ARE PEACEFUL TOO BE-
CAUSE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS NOW A PRESIDENT
WHO CANNOT BE PANICKED INTO CONCESSIONS. THE
ECONOMY? KENNEDY FACED RECESSION AND INFLATION AND
DID NOTHING. MR. NIXON COURAGEOUSLY INTRODUCED ONE

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OF THE SEVEREST FREEZES IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND THE COUNTRY IS ONCE MORE HEADING INTO PROSPERITY. HIS ENEMIES SNEER THAT MR. NIXON IS 'ORDINARY'. BUT THIS IN FACT IS HIS GREATEST QUALITY. HE IS ORDINARY IN THE SENSE THAT HE SEEKS THE SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN THE SHADOW. THAT HE IS CONCERNED NOT WITH CHEAP POPULARITY BUT WITH PROMOTING THE REAL, MUNDANE INTEREST OF HIS NATION. THE AMERICAN VOTERS RECOGNIZED THIS WHEN THEY RE-ELECTED HIM OVERWHELMINGLY. AND PEOPLES FAR FROM THE UNITED STATES SHOULD GIVE THANKS EVERY DAY THAT THIS PLAIN AND SENSIBLE MAN SITS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. WOULD A PROGRESSIVE HAVE KEPT AMERICA STRONG AND PROSPEROUS? WOULD A TRENDY HAVE ACHIEVED PEACE EXCEPT BY SURRENDER?"

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